GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1490
ANSWERED ON:01.08.2001
CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAY TRACK BY CHINA
AKHILESH YADAV

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chinese Government is constructing the world`s highest railway line up to Lhasa;

(b) if so, the likely impact thereof on the security and other aspects of the country;

(c) whether the Government have registered any objections with China in this regard; and

(d) if so, the reaction of China thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a): Yes, Sir. China is constructing a railway line from Golmud in Qinghai Province to Lhasa.

(b)-(d): Government has taken note of this development. Government remains vigilant and takes all necessary and appropriate measures to safeguard the sovereignty, territorial integrity and security of India.